

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-6 and 8-19 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, and 16 remain withdrawn as a result of an earlier restriction requirement.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over US 5,514,122 (Morris et al.) and US 5,609,587 (Roe) in view of US 5,266,592 (Grub et al.)

Claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 12 14, and 17-19 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris et al. and Roe in view of Grub et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The presently claimed invention relates to a feminine napkin comprising a topsheet comprising an emollient-containing composition comprising from about 0.1% to about 99.9% of menthone glycerol ketal and from about 99.9% to about 0.1% of triethylcitrate. Applicants submit that none of the cited references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a composition comprising, e.g., triethylcitrate. As such, the references, alone or in combination, do not disclose each and every element of the presently claimed invention. As such, Applicants submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

Applicants thus submit that Claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 12 14, and 17-19 are patentable under 35 USC §103(a) over Morris et al. and Roe in view of Grub et al.

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Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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